

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETRIEVING SEARCH RESULTS
FROM MULTIPLE DISPARATE DATABASES**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The present invention generally relates to a method and system for retrieving
search results. More particularly, the present invention relates to a method and system for
retrieving search results concurrently from multiple disparate databases, whether such
databases be available through the Web, or other proprietary internal networks. In an
exemplary embodiment, the system includes a user interface, a control engine, and a number
10 of translators which are used to communicate with a number of corresponding databases.
During exemplary operation, a user uses the user interface to enter search term(s) and other
pertinent information relating to his/her search and specify which ones of the databases are to
be searched. The search term(s) and other pertinent information are then relayed to the
control engine which, in turn, forwards them to the appropriate translators which correspond
15 to the specified databases to be searched. These translators then concurrently formulate and
issue their respective search requests to the corresponding databases. Concurrent searches
are then carried out in the specified databases. Search results from each of the specified
databases are then returned and consolidated for display by the user interface.

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